

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a protecting tube, the method comprising knitting a plurality of yarns to form the protecting tube using a Raschel-type warp knitting machine, the protecting tube being one of open and closed and configured to contain at least one of a cable and a conduit.
13. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 12, wherein knitting the plurality of yarns further comprises using at least one of the following type stitches: tricot, tuch, samt, satin, atlas, köper, laying in, and chain.
14. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 12, wherein the plurality of yarns comprises at least a first yarn type and a second yarn type, the first yarn type being single filament and the second yarn type being multi-filament.
15. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 14, wherein yarns comprising the first yarn type are formed with the rest of the

plurality of yarns by laying in stitches, and yarns comprising the second yarn type are formed by tricot stitches, the plurality of yarns further comprising a third yarn type being single filament formed by chain stitches.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 15, wherein the laying in stitches of the first yarn type are made on three needles.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 15, wherein yarns of the third yarn type are made of polyamide and have a diameter between 0.15 and 0.30 millimetres.

18. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 14, wherein yarns of the first yarn type are made of polyamide and have a diameter between 0.15 and 0.30 millimetres.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 14, wherein yarns of the second yarn type are texturized polyester with yarn thickness between 230 Tex and 2000 Tex.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 12, wherein the protecting tube comprises two sub-tubes totally or partially attached to each other, one of the sub-tubes housed inside the other.

21. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 12, wherein the protecting tube has at least one end and includes on the at least one end at least one other protecting tube.

22. (Previously Presented) The method for providing the protecting tube of claim 12, wherein the protecting tube further includes an impregnated resin.

23. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a protecting tube, the system comprising a Raschel-type warp knitting machine configured for knitting a plurality of yarns to form the protecting tube, the protecting tube being one of open and closed and configured to contain at least one of a cable and a conduit.

24. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 23, wherein the warp knitting machine further configured for using at least one of the following type stitches: tricot, tuch, samt, satin, atlas, köper, laying in, and chain.

25. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 23, wherein the plurality of yarns comprises at least a first yarn type and a second yarn type, the first yarn type being single filament and the second yarn type being multi-filament.

26. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 25, wherein yarns comprising the first yarn type are formed with the rest of the

plurality of yarns by laying in stitches, and yarns comprising the second yarn type are formed by tricot stitches, the plurality of yarns further comprising a third yarn type being single filament formed by chain stitches.

27. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 26, wherein the laying in stitches of the first yarn type are made on three needles.

28. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 26, wherein yarns of the third yarn type are made of polyamide and have a diameter between 0.15 and 0.30 millimetres.

29. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 25, wherein yarns of the first yarn type are made of polyamide and have a diameter between 0.15 and 0.30 millimetres.

30. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 25, wherein yarns of the second yarn type are texturized polyester with yarn thickness between 230 Tex and 2000 Tex.

31. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 23, wherein the protecting tube comprises two sub-tubes totally or partially attached to each other, one of the sub-tubes housed inside the other.

32. (Currently Amended) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 23, wherein the protecting tube has at least one end and includes on the at least one end at least one other protecting tube.

33. (Previously Presented) The system for providing the protecting tube of claim 23, wherein the protecting tube further includes an impregnated resin.

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